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Registry Number E83/2/31.

FROM Embassy

No. Cairo

Dated

Received in Registry BAB 1349 (1324/31/46) 25 Dec 1946 2 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference (Resumption)

Refers FO. tel 2137 of 21/12 (E 12210/8035/31

Enclosed two letters from Embassy refs R.C/BAB/1324/31/46 of Dec 25. to H.E MAHMOUD FAHMY el NOKRASHY PASHA, and ABDEL RAHMAN AZZAM PASHA, re Resumption of Conference.

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His Majesty's Ambassador presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit herewith copies of the undermentioned paper.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
CAIRO.

25th. December. 1946

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2 JAN 1947

Reference to previous communication :

Foreign Office telegram 2137 of 21.12.46

Description of Enclosure.

Name, Date, etc.	Subject.
To: H.E. Mahmoud Fahmy el Nokrashy Pasha, Minister for Foreign Affairs, CAIRO. No.1324/31/46 of 25th. December,1946	LONDON CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE: Date of resumption, and request for names of Egyptian delegates to attend.

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BRITISH EMBASSY

CAIRO

28th. December. 1946.

RO/BAS
1324/81/46

Monsieur le Président du Conseil,

With reference to Mr. Bowker's letter No. 507 of 26th November to His Excellency Ibrahim Abdel Hadi Pasha, regarding the London Conference on Palestine, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency, in accordance with the instructions of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom propose that the afore-mentioned Conference shall be resumed on 21st. January, 1947.

2. I am further instructed to request that Your Excellency will be so good as to inform His Excellency Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha that it is hoped that he will again be able to attend the Conference.

3. I shall be glad to learn as early as possible, for the information of the Secretary of State, the names of the Egyptian Government's delegates and their staff who will attend that Conference.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest consideration,
Monsieur le Président du Conseil,
Your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) RONALD CAMPBELL

His Excellency,
Mahmoud Fahmy el Nokrashy Pasha,
Président du Conseil des Ministres.

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BRITISH EMBASSY

CAIRO

RC/BAB.
1324/31/46

25th. December. 1946.

My Dear Pasha,

I have been instructed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to send to Your Excellency the enclosed copy of a letter which I am addressing to His Excellency, Mahmoud Fahmy el Nokrashy Pasha regarding the proposal of His Majesty's Government that the London Conference on Palestine shall be resumed on the 21st of January, 1947. All States members of the Arab League are being approached in the sense of the enclosure to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) RONALD CAMPBELL

His Excellency,
Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha,
Secretary General of the
League of Arab States,
CAIRO.

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Registry Number E101/2/31.

FROM Br Embassy. Baghdad.

No. 498

Dated

Received in Registry (1200/88/46). 24. Dec 1946. 3. Jan 1947.

Palestine Conference (Resumption).

Refers F.O. tel 1081 (E12210/8035/31 of Dec 21.
Encloses copy of note Verbale 730 of Dec 24 from Min of Foreign Affairs informing them of date of resumption of conference, and asking for names of Iraqi delegates designated to attend.

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References.

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Bagdad presents his compliments to H.M.P.S.S.F.A. and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

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3 JAN 1947

British Embassy,
Bagdad

E 12210/8071/71

24th December, 1946.

Reference to previous correspondence:
Foreign Office telegram No 1081 of 21st December 1946 to this Embassy

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Note Verbale No 730 of 24th December '46 to Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Palestine Conference

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NOTE VERBALE

His Majesty's Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with reference to Sir Hugh Stonehewer Bird's letter No 8 of 25th November 1946, has the honour to state that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom propose that the London Conference on Palestine shall be resumed on 21st January 1946.

2. The Embassy hopes that this date will be convenient to the Iraqi authorities concerned, and has the honour to request that it may be informed at the Ministry's early convenience of the names of the Iraqi delegates designated to attend the resumed conference, and of the names of their staff.

His Majesty's Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew the expression of its highest consideration.

British Embassy,

Bagdad.

24th December, 1946

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FROM

No. Sir B Champion

Dated Aden.

Received in Registry 384

30 Dec 1946

6 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference (Resumption).

Refers to Cairo 2137 (E12210/807/31)

King of Yemen informs that he will be represented by the same delegation as on previous occasion in Sept 1946.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Information Dept informed.

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FROM ADEN (Sir R. Champion)

TO S. of S. COLONIES.

D. 30th December, 1946.
R. 30th " " 16.30 hrs.

No. 384 Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to H.M. Ambassador Cairo No. 38,
reference Foreign Office telegram
No. 2137.
to B.M.E.O. Cairo, No. 33
(H.M. Ambassador please pass).

Your telegram No. 351.

Resumption of Palestine Conference 21st January.

King of Yemen informs me that he will be represented by the same delegation as on previous occasion in September, 1946.

Copies sent to:-

Foreign Office - Mr. Beeley.
Cabinet Offices - Mr. E.A. Armstrong.

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FROM	Legation
No.	Jedda.
Dated	175
Received in Registry	4366/1224/45 23 Dec 1946 6 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference (Resumption)

Refers Jedda despatch 163 (E12102/8075/91) Enclosed copy of note No 385 addressed to Saudi Arabian Min of Foreign Affairs of 23/12. giving date of resumption and asking for names of the Saudi Arabian delegation and their staff.

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HIS Majesty's Minister at Jedda

presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

British Legation,

JEDDA

23rd December, 1946

E 12102/8035/31

Reference to previous correspondence:

Jedda printed letter No 163 (4251/1224/438) of 4.12.46.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Note No.385 addressed to the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and dated 23rd December 1946.	Date of resumption of Palestine Conference in London.

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His Majesty's Legation present their compliments to the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, with reference to the Ministry's Note No.12/8/3/726/1445 of 2nd December 1946 and on the instructions of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, have the honour to inform them that His Majesty's Government propose that the Palestine Conference shall be resumed in London on 21st January 1947.

2. His Majesty's Legation would be glad to learn from the respected Ministry, as early as possible, the names of the members of the Saudi Arabian delegation and their staff.

His Majesty's Legation take this opportunity of renewing to the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of their high consideration.

British Legation,

JEDDA.

23rd December 1946.

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6 JUN 1947

Registry Number E 205/2/31

TELEGRAM FROM M' Grafftey Smith

No.

Dated

Received in Registry Tedda. 5. 6 Jan 1947 6 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference (Resumption)
Refers to C.O. tel 2197 (E 12210/8075/31)
Saudi-Arabian Govt were duly informed and they are consulting states of Arab League whose ruling they will accept

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FROM JEDDA TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Grafftey Smith. D. 8.30 a.m. 6th January, 1947.
No. 5.
6th January, 1947. R. 10.35 a.m. 6th January, 1947.

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E 1205/

Your telegram No. 2137 to Cairo.

Saudi-Arabian Government were duly informed.

2. I have now received note from Minister of Foreign Affairs stating that Saudi-Arabian Government is consulting the states of Arab League whose [gp. undec: ?ruling] they will accept.

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TELEGRAM FROM Sir H. Knatchbull-Hugessen

No. Bird

Dated Baghdad

Received in Registry 169 Saving 31 Dec 1940 9 Jan 1941

Iraq and the Palestine Conference.

Informs, when Nuri Pasha saw Jamal Husseini's letter he commented that this was an advisable opportunity for Iraq to get out of going to Conference at all, which he added was a great mistake in his view. Minister for Foreign Affairs eventually got P.M. and urged to send affirmative reply.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Then seems to be another Baghdad telegram missing.

H.B. 9/1

Communications Dept.

We received Baghdad telegram number 977 of December 31st missing on January 1st and the telegram was received on January 10th.

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Eastern Dept.

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FROM BAGDAD TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Stonehewer Bird
No. 169 Saving
31st December, 1946. R. 9.45 a.m. 9th January, 1947.

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Not yet received 9/1.

When speaking to Counsellor as reported in my telegram No. 977 Minister for Foreign Affairs said that, as soon as Prime Minister saw the letter from Jamal Husseini he at once said that this was an admirable opportunity for Iraq to get out of going to the Conference at all. The whole Conference had, in Nuri Pasha's view, been a great mistake. The Arabs should have stood by the 1939 White Paper and refused further discussion with His Majesty's Government. If the Palestine Arabs chose to go to London they could, but the Arab States should not be involved.

2. The Minister for Foreign Affairs pointed out to Nuri Pasha that he had got his facts wrong. It was the Arab States which had refused in 1939 to accept the White Paper, and it was they who had asked to go to London, not His Majesty's Government who had pressed them to come. He was finally able to persuade the Prime Minister and the Regent to agree that an affirmative reply should be sent.

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Registry Number E 322/2/31.

FROM A. Creech Jones

No. C.O.

Dated 5 th Decem.

Received in Registry 7 Jan 1947
10 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference.

Minutes discussion with H/C Palestine re. asking a delegation from Arab Higher Cmittee to the Palestine Conference. Enclosed proposed telegram to Palestine for CO concurrence.

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Gen P.P. Palestine tel 66 of Jan 10.

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Gen P.P. Palestine tel 89. Jan 13
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COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

7th January, 1947.

After discussing Mr. Beeley's letter of 2nd January to Mr. Shuckburgh's minute of 31st December, I have corresponded with the High Commissioner for Palestine and with the Colonial Office. J.A. Henderson 8.1

Eastern Dept.

I have been discussing with the High Commissioner for Palestine the question of inviting a delegation from the Arab Higher Committee to the Palestine Conference when it resumes, and we are in agreement that there would be advantage in making an approach of this kind to the Arabs which at least would assist in dispersing any impression they may have that the Jews are having things all their own way.

If you agree, I propose to send a telegram to Palestine as in the attached draft which has the concurrence of the High Commissioner. I may add that I gather that at the official level this line has been agreed between our Departments. Would you kindly let me know whether you concur?

"I agree; but no Mufti. E.B".

Yours sincerely,
Arthur

The Rt.Hon. E. Bevin, M.P.

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Draft Cypher Telegram to High Commissioner,
Jerusalem.

No..... Secret.

Your telegram No.10.

Invitation to Arab Higher Committee to send a delegation to resumed Palestine Conference.

I have discussed the matter with the High Commissioner and am inclined to share his view that there would be advantage at this point in making a gesture to the Arabs with a view to counteracting the impression now rapidly gaining ground that His Majesty's Government has decided to favour the Jews at their expense.

I therefore suggest that you should take the opportunity of the request of the Arab League Council to summon Jamal and convey to him an invitation to the Arab Higher Committee to nominate a delegation to the Conference and ask for submission of the names proposed. In conveying the invitation you need make no stipulation as to the Mufti; but there would of course be no question of our agreeing to his attendance, which would I understand be unwelcome to at any rate some of the Arab States. You should indicate that while His Majesty's Government are prepared to waive their right to ask other Palestinian Arabs, they would for their part be glad to see the names of those Palestinian Arabs to whom invitations were previously addressed by them included in the delegation.

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FROM M.E.C.S. (O.A.C.)

TO H.M.G., COLONIES.

D.6th January, 1947.
R.6th " " 21.35 hrs.

E 322/2/31

No. 38 Top Secret.

My telegram No. 10.

Arab Higher Committee.

I had a long talk with Jamal Husseini today in the course of which he said that if the Arab Higher Committee were invited to send Delegation to the Palestine Conference the Mufti would not wish to go and his name would not be put forward. I await your instructions.

2. Jamal Husseini also confirmed that no definite decision had been taken to add new members to the Committee. He himself and other members of it would now remain in Palestine for a period and "had finished with this Cairo business". He regarded murder of land broker as a safety valve for extremists who were criticising him as too old and moderate. The interpretation of this as confirming other indications that the Mufti proposes to intensify the use of his own agents and gang leaders under his orders rather than the Committee.

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Mr. I. Thomas
Mr. Martin
Sir D. Harris
Mr. Trafford Smith
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" " - Mr. P.J. Dixon.

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TO PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 8th January, 1947. 16.45 hrs.

IMMEDIATE
No. 46 Top Secret.

Your telegrams Nos. 10 and 38.

Invitation to Arab Higher Committee to send a delegation to resumed Palestine Conference.

I have discussed the matter with the High Commissioner and am inclined to share his view that there would be advantage at this point in making a gesture to the Arabs with a view to counteracting the impression now rapidly gaining ground that H.M.G. has decided to favour the Jews at their expense.

I therefore suggest that you should take the opportunity of the request of the Arab League Council to summon Jamal and convey to him an invitation to the Arab Higher Committee to nominate a delegation to the Conference and ask for submission of the names proposed. In conveying the invitation you need make no stipulation as to the Mufti; but there would of course be no question of our agreeing to his attendance, which would I understand be unwelcome to at any rate some of the Arab States. I note Jamal's statement that the Mufti would not wish to go and that his name will not be put forward. You should indicate that while H.M.G. are prepared to waive their right to ask other Palestinian Arabs, they would for their part be glad to see the names of those Palestinian Arabs to whom invitations were previously addressed by them included in the delegation.

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M.I.5.	–	Mr. A.J. Kellar.
War Office	–	C.I.G.S.
" "	–	M.I.3A.
" " (M.O.4.)	–	Lt. Col. J.G. Atkinson.
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In view of
Palestine anarchy
request from a Jew
regarding participation
Olympic games
of Soviet citizens
to USSR

Feb 29.

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FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 10th January, 1947.
R. 10th " " 18.45 hrs.

IMMEDIATE
No. 66 Secret.

Your telegram No. 46.

I saw Jamal Husseini this morning and conveyed the invitation to him in accordance with your wishes. The Mufti was not mentioned. He said he thought that the Committee would accept but would not commit himself to names.

2. He confirmed that five additional Members of the Committee had now been appointed, namely Sheikh Hassan Abu Saoud, Izzat Darwazarh, Ishak Darwish Husseini, Muin el Madi, Rafik Tamimi. Since Izzat Darwazarh and Ishak Darwish Husseini are excluded from Palestine, I asked him in what way these two would act as full-time Members. He replied that they would work in Cairo in liaison with the Arab League. He went on to explain that the Committee hoped to have ready by the end of January plan for collection of the levy of 10 piastres per head, and subsequently (?group omitted) general election of Members of the Committee. Ends.

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D.13th January, 1947.
R.13th " " 19.00 hrs.

This is handed to Bevin

IMMEDIATE

No. 89 Top Secret.

My telegram No. 66.

Jamal Husseini handed to me this morning, reply stating that the Arab Higher Committee had decided to accept the invitation and had appointed the following as the Palestine Arab delegation:- Jamal Husseini, Dr. H.F. Khalidi, Mouin Maadi, Emile Ghoury.

2. He said that the Committee had not felt able to put forward any of the other names suggested to him in our letter conveying the invitation. The Committee wished to emphasize the point of principle that they, and they alone, should be entirely free to nominate the Delegation. I said that I did not follow this, since no publicity had been given to the suggestions, but the matter did not seem worth pressing, particularly as the Committee had refrained from nominating any of their "excluded" members.

3. Mouin Maadi is one of those covered by the amnesty granted to certain Palestinian Arab renegades on the date of 5th November, 1946. He is an Advocate by profession, and has a long record of association with the Arab Nationalist activities. He took a leading part in the Levant States between 1936 - 39 in organizing assistance and reinforcements for the rebel band operating in Palestine. In 1939, under threat of deportation by the French, he moved to Turkey, where in 1940 - 41 he was reported to be in contact with German agents. He remained in Turkey until 1946. He has recently been in close contact with the Mufti and other renegades but is

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probably preferable to others who might have been included in the Delegation. As reported in my telegram No. 66, he was added to the Arab Higher Committee last week.

4. Jamal said that they had had very short notice, and asked whether the Conference could be postponed from 21st January for a few days. Khalidi is unable to fly on medical grounds, and he can scarcely arrive before 25th January at the earliest. Other three propose to fly from Cairo. I said that I would submit their request to you but saw little hope of it being granted. He replied that he would do his best to have the Delegation (without Khalidi) in London by 21st January.

5. Acceptance of the invitation and the names of the Delegation will be announced here tomorrow Tuesday morning 10.00 hrs. G.M.T.

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M.S.25		Mr. Trafford Smith
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FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

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D. 14th January, 1947.
R. 14th " " 15.15 hrs.

No. 95

My telegram No. 89.

London Conference.

Following is text of communique issued here at 10.00 hours G.M.T. today. Begins.

Jamal Eff El Husseini, Vice Chairman of the Arab Higher Committee, was received by the Officer Administering the Government on 13th January and delivered to His Excellency a letter in which the Arab Higher Committee accepted the invitation previously conveyed to them to nominate a delegation to represent the Arabs of Palestine at the resumed London Conference. The names of the gentlemen nominated to constitute the delegation are as follows:-

Jamal Eff El Husseini
Dr. Hussein F. Khalidi
Emile Eff Ghoury
Mouin Eff Maadi. Ends.

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IMMEDIATE

[To Cairo only:] Please pass to B.M.E.O. as my tel no. 60

I understand that the Palestine Arab delegation to the London conference on Palestine may not be able to arrive in London by January 21st. We are therefore holding up the final arrangements for the opening of the conference until all the delegates are in London. The provisional date of opening is still January 21st, but there may be a delay of one or two days.

2. Please pass this information to the Government to which you are accredited.

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3. Please also ensure that Azzam Pasha receives this information.

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16th January, 1947 D. 2.25 p.m. 16th January, 1947

Repeated to British Middle East Office Cairo No. 60
Jerusalem.

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IMMEDIATE

[To Cairo only] Please pass to British Middle East Office as my telegram No. 60.

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TO PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 16th January, 1947. 14.45 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 108 Top Secret.

Addressed to Palestine.
Repeated to Ambassador, Cairo.

Your telegram No. 89.

Palestinian Arab Delegation.

It has been decided that no announcement regarding postponement of the opening date of the Conference will be made and the intention is that the Conference should open on 21st January as arranged. Palestinian Arab delegation should therefore be asked to reach London by that date if possible. Final decision regarding opening of Conference will not be taken until delegations have assembled in London, and if it seems likely that the Palestinian Arabs will not be available on date suggested but will arrive very shortly thereafter, decision then may be taken to put back formal opening for a day or two.

2. On question of accommodation, I should be grateful to know if Palestinian Arab delegation propose to bring any Secretaries or Assistants. I should also be glad to know if you think an Arabic interpreter will be required for the Palestinian Arab delegation. In view of absence of Amir Feisal from resumed Conference, it was not proposed to ask you to make Somerville available, but if in your view an interpreter will be required for meetings with/

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with Palestinian Arabs, I shall have to ask you to make Somerville or some other qualified officer available for this duty.

3. As you state that Palestinian Arab delegation intend to travel via Cairo, I am sending a copy of this telegram to Ambassador, Cairo.

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FOREIGN OFFICE.

Please repeat ~~to~~ Immediate to the posts shown below telegram No. (copy attached)
from ~~to~~ Colonial Secretary to O.A.G. Palestine dated 16/1/47

..... No. 127 (Date) 16/1/47

Cairo No.

..... No.

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CYPHER TELEGRAM.
(O.T.P.)

No. ..... TOP SECRET.

Addressed O.A.G. Palestine.
Repeated Ambassador, Cairo.

IMMEDIATE.

O. A. G.

PALESTINE. 108.
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Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D.17th January, 1947.
R.17th " " 19.55 hrs.

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IMMEDIATE

No. 117 Top Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to Cairo No. 4 Top Secret.

Your telegram No. 108.

Palestinian Arab Delegation.

It has not been possible to persuade Jamal Husseini, Mouin Maadi and Emile Ghoury, who are travelling by air, to leave earlier than 22nd January from Cairo arriving in England 23rd January. Necessary bookings are being arranged accordingly. I understand that they will proceed to Cairo a few days previously for final consultations there (in which Mufti will presumably participate). As mentioned in paragraph 4 of my telegram No. 89, Doctor Khalidi is proposing to travel by sea. Date of departure is not yet known, but his movements need not be taken account of in fixing opening of Conference. No request for travel facilities for assistants of secretaries has been made. I think it would be unwise to put idea into their heads and I do not therefore propose to take the initiative in raising the point. All the Delegates have an adequate knowledge of English, and, if necessary, could arrange interpretation amongst themselves. I think that an official interpreter could therefore be dispensed with utterly, but I would be prepared to

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make Somerville available if you decide that it would be useful to have him there.

2. I should be glad to know whether cost of passages of Delegation, and their accommodation etc. in London, is to be charged to public funds. You will recall that in the case of the 1939 Conference, travel expenses were charged to Palestine, whilst cost of hospitality was met from United Kingdom funds. I would have no objection to a similar arrangement on this occasion.

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TO PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 20th January, 1947. 22.30 hrs.

IMPORTANT

No.131 Top Secret.

Addressed High Commissioner, Palestine.
Repeated Ambassador, Cairo.

Your telegram No.117.

Palestinian Arab Delegation.

I note that delegation will not reach United Kingdom until 23rd January. Grateful for any information which may be available regarding time and place of arrival.

2. Thank you for your offer of Somerville's services as interpreter. In the circumstances I do not think his presence will be necessary.

3. I agree that travelling expenses of delegation should be charged to Palestine funds and that cost of their residence in the United Kingdom should be met from United Kingdom funds.

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 21st January, 1947.
R. 21st " " 21.10 hrs.

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No.138 Top Secret.

Addressed S. of S.
Repeated Cairo No.3.

Your telegram No.131.

Palestine Arab Delegation will travel on service number 30 M 364. Time and place of arrival may be ascertained from British Airways.

2. Local press reports today from Cairo that Doctor Khalidi, who is now there, may accompany his colleagues by air if unable to secure sea passage. British Airways, however, state that no air passage has yet been requested on his behalf. Perhaps the Embassy at Cairo may be able to obtain firmer information regarding his intentions.

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From Jerusalem (General Sir A. Cunningham)

To S. of S. for C.O.

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D. 20rd January, 1947.
R. 23rd " " 11.15 hrs.

IMMEDIATE
No. 155 Top Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to Cairo No. 4.

My telegram No. 138.

Palestine Arab Delegation.

I have just received a telegram from Jamal Husseini in Cairo informing me that Mouin Maadi is unable to join the delegation owing to ill-health and that the Arab Higher Committee has decided to add the following four persons to the delegation:-

1. Sami Taher
2. Doctor Omar Al Khalil
3. Yussef Sahyoun
4. Wassef Kamal.

Telegram requests me to telegraph approval and arrange transport and accommodation.

2. No. 1 is one of those suggested to the Committee for invitation. No. 2 is the Secretary of an organisation known as the Village Improvement Society and has the reputation of being a well-balanced individual: both he and Sami Taher should be assets to the delegation. No. 3 is a Christian Catholic and is an unpleasant nonentity: he belongs to the Palestine Arab Party.

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3. The difficulty arises over No. 4 who is one of the renegades subject to an Order excluding (?him omitted) from Palestine. He has a long history of participation in Arab rebel activities and, during the war, is reported to have been in contact with the enemy and to have broadcast on the German-controlled Athens radio.

4. In my opinion, there can be no question of countenancing his inclusion in the delegation. Apart from other considerations, this would conflict with the attitude adopted in the case of those Jewish leaders who were "under a cloud" during the last session of the Conference: this would, of course, not pass unnoticed by the Jews. This last minute request, in particular the inclusion of Wassef Kamal, is presumably attributable to consultations with the Mufti.

5. I, therefore, recommend that I (?be omitted) authorised to reply that Wassef Kamal is not acceptable. As regards the others, I see no objection to their inclusion, provided this will not upset Conference arrangements. I shall be grateful for your instructions.

6. Jamal Husseini and Emile Ghoury were to leave Cairo by air yesterday as arranged. Doctor Khalidi is, I understand, still proposing to travel by sea.

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TO PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 23rd January, 1947. 19.00 hrs.

MOST IMMEDIATE

No.154 Top Secret.

Addressed High Commissioner, Palestine.
Repeated Ambassador, Cairo.

Your telegram No.155.

Palestine Arab Delegation.

I agree with your proposed reply that the first three persons mentioned in your first paragraph may be included, but that Wassaf Kamal is not acceptable.

As Jamal's communication has been made to you, I feel that it would be better if the reply came from you rather than me, as I am reluctant that my first contact with him in London should be to reject his nominee.

You may think it best to send your reply to Jamal (who is staying at the Ritz Hotel) through the Colonial Office for onward transmission, in view of the importance of avoiding publicity as far as possible.

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From Alexandria (General Sir A. Cunningham)

To C.O.

D. 25th January, 1947
R. 26th 14.30 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No.167 Top Secret.

Addressed C.O. No.167
Repeated H.M. Ambassador, Cairo No.5.

Your telegram No. 138

Palestinian Arab Delegation

Grateful if the following message could be conveyed to Jamal Husseini at the Ritz Hotel, in reply to his telegram to me from Cairo dated 23rd January. Begins.

Inclusion of the first three persons mentioned in your telegram in the Delegation, namely Sami Taher, Omar al Khalil and Yusef Sahyoun, is welcome. I regret that the fourth person mentioned, namely Wasef Kamal, is not acceptable. Transport by air for the first three and accommodation on arrival in London are being arranged. Ends.

2. Three persons accepted for inclusion are understood to be now in Cairo and can probably be contacted through Rafiq Tamimi, Hotel Continental. Grateful if the Embassy Cairo will make necessary arrangements for their journey by air to England at cost of this Government.

3. As regards publicity, pending whatever announcement Jamal Husseini may wish to make on the subject, I propose to reply to enquiries that the question of proposed additions to the Delegation is still under discussion with members of the Delegation already in London.

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No. Damascus.

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FROM DAMASCUS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

10 JAN

Mr.Eyres
No.7

D. 10.20 p.m. 9th January, 1947.

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Your telegram No.2137 to Cairo.

Syrian Delegates are Fares El Khoury and Emir Adel Arslan.

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TELEGRAM FROM Sir A Kirkbride

No. Amman.

Dated

Received in Registry 4.

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Political Bag received.

Refers F.O. tel 135 (E12210/8035/31) of 21 Dec. Terms of Transjordan delegation will be headed by ABDUL MAJID HAIDAR, with Dr FAUZI MULKI, and HANI HASHIM.

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ppppp E 12210/8035/31

Your telegram No. 135 of 21st December, 1946.

Trans-Jordan delegation will be headed by Amir Abdel Majid Haidar, Trans-Jordan Minister in London, Doctor Fauzi Mulki, Trans-Jordan Minister in Cairo as Members and Hani Hashim, Secretary to Trans-Jordan Legation in London, as Member and Secretary.

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TELEGRAM FROM Sir H. Knatchbull-Hugessen

No. Bird

Dated Bagdad.

Received in Registry 977

31 Dec 1946
11 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference.

Refers to. tel 1081 (E12210/8035/31)

Informs Minister for Foreign Affairs will shortly be informing us officially that Iraqi Govt agree to Jan 21 for Conference and that Iraqi delegation would be same as in London. Also states that Iraq are firmly opposed to Mufti being a delegate.

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Your telegram No. 1081. E 12210/8035/31

Minister for Foreign Affairs told Counsellor on December 30th that he would shortly be informing us officially that the Iraqi Government agreed to January 21st as the date of Palestine Conference and that the Iraqi Delegation would be the same as in September.

2. He added that communication had just been received from Jam Al Husseini asking [gp. undec. ? full] Arab League powers for Arab Higher Committee's proposal that they should be allowed to choose their representative to go to London without interference from His Majesty's Government. It was [sic] therefore possible that we might also be receiving a note to this effect from the Iraqi Government and the Minister for Foreign Affairs hoped that His Majesty's Government would be prepared to meet the Arab League on this. He added that

/ Iraq

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Iraq was firmly opposed to the Mufti and that if His Majesty's Government refused to allow him to be one of the delegates, no member of the Arab League would regard this as "interference".

3. The Minister for Foreign Affairs also requested that His Majesty's Government be informed that continuance of emigration into Palestine was causing considerable indignation in the Arab world since it had been tacitly understood that no emigrants would be admitted while the Conference was in suspense.

Foreign Office please pass to Aden, Amman and Jedda as my telegrams 8,14 and 72 respectively.

[Note by Communications Department: this was a missing telegram repeated at our request.]

[Repeated to Amman and Jedda as telegrams Nos. 5 and 8.]

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FROM E411/2/31.

No. Conference Dept

Dated 6 R. M'Neil

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Suggestion re Lodge conference at St James.

Encloses draft application for His Majesty's approval to use St James' Palace for the Palestine Conference.

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Sgd. Rt Hon Lord a. Lascelles. Jan 8.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
(Conference Department)
17, Carlton House Terrace,
London, S.W.1.

Conf:/H/1124.

6th January, 1947.

Dear McAlpine,

Following our telephone conversations of today, I send you a draft application to the Palace for His Majesty's approval to use St. James' Palace for the Jew/Arab Conference.

I have made it as from P.S. to P.S., but if you think it should go from the Secretary of State personally, perhaps you would amend as necessary.

Meanwhile, we are going ahead with our detailed planning to stage the Conference at St. James.

Yours sincerely,

R. McAlpine, Esq.,
Assistant Private Secretary to Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

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Draft.
P.S. Office,
Buckingham Palace.

(from P.S. to S. of S.)

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The ~~Jew/Arab~~ Conference is due to resume in London on the 21st January. Lancaster House, where these talks ~~were originally~~ have been previously held, will not be available, as it has been allocated to the Council of Foreign Ministers, whose Deputies re-commence their work there on the 14th January.

The Secretary of State is anxious that a place of meeting should be found for the Jew/Arab Conference similar in dignity to that previously provided for them at Lancaster House.

He would therefore be glad if you would ascertain if His Majesty would be graciously pleased to approve the use ~~of~~ for this purpose of the State rooms at St. James' Palace, where the Palestine Conference met in 1937.

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8th January, 1947.

Dear Sir Alan,

The Conference on Palestine is due to be resumed in London on the 21st January. At the last session of this conference, the Jewish and Arab delegations were accommodated in Lancaster House. However, on this occasion, Lancaster House will be fully occupied by the delegations attending the discussions on Germany and Austria by the Deputies to the Council of Foreign Ministers.

I am particularly anxious that the Jewish and Arab representatives should have no cause for resentment that their place of meeting should have been transferred, and, if the King's approval could be obtained, I know that they would consider it an honour if the State Rooms at St. James's

Palace/

The Right Honourable
Sir Alan Lascelles,
K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., M.C.

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Palace, where the 1937 Palestine Conference took place, could be set apart for this purpose.

I should therefore be most grateful if you could take His Majesty's pleasure in this matter, and inform me accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) ERNEST BEVIN

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Registry Number E 423/2/31.

TELEGRAM FROM Chargé d'affairs Damascus

No. 3 Saving.

Dated

Received in Registry 6 Jan 1947

13 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference.

Refer Damascus T. Saving (E 422/42/65)

Informed Arab Leaders said that he had already impressed upon Brig Clayton necessity of allowing Arab Higher Committee to choose own delegates. He guaranteed no danger of Mufti going to London. Members of Cmitee, could not accept individual invitations from H.M.G. as they were in danger that if not consulted early would repeat their disagreement recalled.

Last Paper.

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FROM DAMASCUS TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires.
No. 3 SAVING
6th January, 1947 R: 12.25 p.m. 10th January, 1947

Repeated to Amman, Bagdad, Cairo, Jedda, Jerusalem, Beirut. No. 2 SAVING.

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My immediately preceding telegram.

Sheikh Yusuf then turned to the question of Palestinian Arab representation at the London Conference.

2. Sheikh Yusuf said that he had already impressed upon Brigadier Clayton in Cairo the necessity of allowing the Higher Arab Committee to choose their own delegates. Sheikh Yusuf could guarantee that there would be no danger of the Mufti's going to London, though he would doubtless be invited pro forma, to lead the delegation. Members of the Committee could not accept individual invitations from His Majesty's Government and there was a grave danger that, if not represented, the Palestinian Arabs would reject any agreement that might be reached at the Conference.

3. Sheikh Yusuf asked me to repeat to you these arguments. Though they have doubtless reached you from every quarter, I could only agree to do so.

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TELEGRAM FROM Mr Graffety-Smith

No. Jedda.

Dated

Received in Registry } No 18.

10 Jan 1947

13 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference.

Refers F.O. to Cairo 2137 (E 12210/8035/31)

Saudi Arabian Govt inform that Saudi Minister in London will be Saudi Delegate when Conference is resumed.

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Damascus Saving,
Amman Saving,
Aden Saving.

E. 12210/8033/31

Your telegram No. 2157 to Cairo.

The Saudi-Arabian Government inform me that the Saudi Minister in London will be the Saudi Delegate when the Conference is resumed.

[Copy sent to Lord Stansgate].

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TELEGRAM FROM Mr Young

No. Beirut

Dated 17

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Palestine Conference.

Refer Damascus tel 3 Saving (E 423/2/31)
Interview Lebanese P.M. during his visit to Egypt to pay his ex Mufti who said that while he had no wish to attend the Palestine Conference he was anxious that the Higher Arab Committee should be represented.

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Damascus telegram No. 3 Saving.

Lebanese Prime Minister tells me that during his recent visit to Egypt he saw the ex-Mufti who said that while he had no wish to attend the Palestine Conference he was anxious that the Higher Arab Committee should be represented.

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FROM E 468/2/31.

No. Lr. A. Lascelles.

Dated Buckingham Palace.

Received in Registry 1st Revd. 9 Jan 1947 14 Jan 1947

Use of St. James for Palestine Conference.

Refers F.O. letter of Jan 8 (E 411/2/31)

Reference. H.M. the King gladly gives his permission for the State Rooms at St James's Palace to be used for the Palestine Conference. Commencing Jan 21.

Last Paper.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

9th January 1947

My dear Mr. Bevin,

I have laid before The King your letter of January 8th. His Majesty gladly gives permission for the State Rooms at St James's Palace to be used for the meetings of the conference on Palestine, starting on January 21st.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Lord Chamberlain.

Yours sincerely

A. Lascelles

The Right Hon.
Ernest Bevin, MP.

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No. M Abdul Mejid

Dated Transjordan Legation

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Palestine Conference.

M Abdul Mejid informs that he has been chosen to represent his Govt in the Conference together with FOUZI BEY MULQI and HANI BEY HASHIM.

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The Royal Hashemite Transjordan Legation,
Hyde Park Hotel,
London, S.W.1.

No.15/86

13th January 1947

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have received a cable from my Government informing me that I have been selected to represent my Government in the coming London Conference for Palestine, together with Fowzi Bey Mulqi and Hani Bey Hashim.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest consideration,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

M. Abdulhadi

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin. M.P.,
His Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

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TELEGRAM FROM: Sir M. Stonehewer Bird
No.: Bagdad.
Dated:
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14 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference.

Referred DR. FAOHIL JAMALI, Iraqi Foreign Minister and Arab Secretariat leave from Cairo by air Sat 18 for U.K. arrive London airport 11.55 G.M.T. Sunday Jan 19. for Conference.

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FROM BAGDAD TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Stonehewer Bird.
No. 36

14th January 1947.

D. 11.13 a.m. 14th January 1947.
R. 11.40 a.m. 14th January 1947.

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IMPORTANT.

[Following for Conference Department.

Foreign Office telegram No. 26 Circular.

Dr. Fadhil Jamali, Iraqi Foreign Minister, and two Secretaries, leave from Cairo by air on Saturday 18th (repeat January 18th) for United Kingdom on York service arriving London airport at 11.55 G.M.T. Sunday January 19th to attend Palestine Conference. I shall be grateful if he may be given every assistance.

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From C.A. Caulk.

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Dear Armstrong,

Here are the names of the Arab delegates to the Palestine Conference and their hotels in London.

Arab League H.E. Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha
and a secretary
(uncertain)
Dorchester Hotel

Iraq H.E. Dr Fadhil Jamali
Minister for Foreign Affairs
and two secretaries (names not yet known).
Mayfair Hotel

Saudi Arabia H.E. Shaikh Hafez Wahba
Royal Saudi Legation.
~~30 Belgrave Square~~

Lebanon H.E. Camille Bey Chamoun
Lebanese Legation

Syria H.E. Faris al Khoury
H.E. Emir Adel Arslan.
Dorchester Hotel

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Transjordan H.E. Prince Abdul Majid Haidar Beg
Dr. Hamid Hashim, secretary,
Royal Hashemite Transjordan Legation
(HASHEMITE) Hyde Park Hotel

and Dr Fauzi Mulki Beg and
~~a secretary~~ who will be

at the Dorchester Hotel

Yemen Prince Saif-al-Islam Abdullah

and a secretary (~~unidentified~~ name not yet known)

Dorchester Hotel

Palestine Arabs Jamal Effendi Husseini

Dr. Hussein Khalidi

Monir Effendi Maadi

M. Emile Ghoury.

Park Lane Hotel

Egypt not yet known. ~~but it~~
~~is hoped to get them into~~
~~the Ritz Hotel~~.

We telegraphed yesterday
to Cairo to ask about the Egyptians
Delegates + Azzam Pasha

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17 January, 1947.

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E.A. Armstrong, Esq.,
C.B.E.,

Cabinet Offices.

Dear Armstrong,

Here are the names of the Arab delegates to the Palestine Conference and their hotels in London.

from

C.A. Gault.

Arab League. His Excellency
Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha
and a secretary
(uncertain)
Dorchester Hotel.

Iraq. His Excellency
Dr. Fadhil Jamali,
Minister for Foreign Affairs
and two secretaries (names not yet known).
Mayfair Hotel.

Saudi Arabia. His Excellency
Shaikh Hafez Wahba,
Royal Saudi Legation.

Lebanon. His Excellency
Camille Bey Chamoun
Lebanese Legation,

Syria. His Excellency
Fares el Khoury,
His Excellency
Emir Adel Arstan,
~~Dorchester Hotel.~~
Ritz Hotel

/Transjordan

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Transjordan. His Excellency
Prince Abdul Majid Haidar,
Mr. Hani Bey Hashim,
Secretary,
Royal Hashemite Transjordan
Legation,
Hyde Park Hotel,
and Dr. Funzi Bey Mulki who
will be in the
Dorchester Hotel.

Yemen. Prince Saif-at-Islam
Abdullah and a
Secretary (name not yet known)
Dorchester Hotel.

Palestine Arabs. Jamal Effendi Husseini,
Dr. Hussein Whaladi
Mouin Effendi Maadi,
M. Emile Ghoury.
Ritz Hotel
~~Park Lane Hotel~~.

Egypt. H.E Amr ~~not yet known~~. Pasha.
Abdel Rahman Hakki Bey.
Abdel Moneim Mustapha Bey. ← Dorchester
Mohamed Mustapha Yassin Yascin (secretary)
We telegraphed yesterday to Cairo to ask about the Egyptian Delegation and Azzaim Pasha.

Yours Sincerely
(Sgd.) Charles. A. Gault.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs and two
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Mayfair Hotel.

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Shaikh Hafez Wahba,
Royal Saudi Legation.

Lebanon. His Excellency
Camille Bey Chamoun
Lebanese Legation.

Syria. His Excellency
Fares el Khoury,
His Excellency
Emir Adel Arstan,
Ritz Hotel

Transjordan. His Excellency
Prince Abdul Majid Haidar,
Mr. Hani Bey Hashim,
Secretary,
Royal Hashemite Transjordan Legation,
Hyde Park Hotel,

/and

E.A. Armstrong, Esq., C.B.E.,
Cabinet Offices.

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and Dr. Funzi Bey Mulki who will be
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Yemen. Prince Saif-at-Islam Abdullah
and a Secretary (name not
yet known)
Dorchester Hotel.

Palestine Arabs. Jamal Effendi Husseini,
Dr. Hussein Whaladi,
Mouin Effendi Maadi,
M. Emile Ghoury.
Ritz Hotel

Egypt. His Excellency Amir Pasha
Abdel Rahman Hakki Bey
Abdel Moneim Mustapha Bey
Mohamed Mustapha Yassin (secretary)
Dorchester Hotel

We telegraphed yesterday to Cairo to ask about the Egyptian Delegation and Azzaim Pasha.

Yours Sincerely

Sgd. (C.A. Gault)

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From Eastern Dept.

If EMILE GHOURY and Dr. KHALIDI Palestinian delegates to Palestine conference now in Paris on way back to Palestine apply to embassy for ~~help~~ assistance in arranging onward passages please help them.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PARIS.

No. 337

27th February 1947. D. 5.50 p.m. 27th February 1947.

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From Eastern Department.

If Emile Ghoury and Dr. Khalidi Palestinian delegates to Palestine Conference now in Paris on way back to Palestine apply to Embassy for assistance in arranging onward passages please help them.

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FROM E 513/2/31. Embassy Cairo

No.

Dated

Received in Registry 14.(362/1/47) Y. Jan 1947 15 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference

Refers to Cil G Cairo 2137 (E12210/6035/31) of Dec 21. Encloses copy of letter from ABDEL RAHMAN AZZAM PASHA No 60/1/11 of 30 Dec. acknowledging receipt of letter from Embassy re resumption of Conference.

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His Majesty's Ambassador presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit herewith copies of the undermentioned paper.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
CAIRO.

7th January, 1947

Reference to previous communication:

Your telegram No. 2137 of 21.12.46.

Description of Enclosure.

Name, Date, etc.	Subject.
FROM: ABDEL RAHMAN AZZAM PASHA Letter No. 60/1/11 of 31.12.46.	Resumption of London Conference on Palestine.

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LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES

SECRETARIAT. Cairo, 31st December 1946.

Ref: 60/1/11.

My dear Sir Ronald,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 25th inst., enclosing a copy of the letter addressed to His Excellency Mahmoud Fahmy El Nokrashy Pasha, President of the Council of Ministers, regarding the proposal of His Majesty's Government that the London Conference on Palestine be resumed on the 21st of January, 1947, contents of both of which have had my best attention.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) ABDEL RAHMAN AZZAM.

His Excellency
Sir Ronald Ian Campbell,
H.B.M's Ambassador,
The British Embassy,
Kasr El Doubarah.

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TELEGRAM FROM Lir. R. Campbell

No. Cairo

Dated 137

Received in Registry 16 Jan 1947
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Palestine Conference

Refers F.O. tel 116 (E12210/8095/31) Informs Egyptian delegation will consist of AMR PASHA (P'dent), ABDEL RAHMAN HAKKI BEY, ABDEL MONEIM MUSTAPHA BEY, and MOHAMMED MUSTAPHA YASSIN. Chore (any) AZZAM PASHA regrets inability to attend owing to climate. Of his health and english

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir R. Campbell.
No. 137.

D. 7.07. p.m. 16th January 1947.

16th January 1947.

R. 6.00. p.m. 16th January 1947.

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Jerusalem,
Amman,
Jedda,
Beirut,
Damascus.

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Your telegram No. 116.

Under Secretary of State Foreign Affairs states that Egyptian delegation will consist of Amr Pasha (President) Abdel Rahman Hakki Bey Abdel Moneim Mustapha Bey and Mohammed Mustapha Yassin (Secretary).

2. Azzam Pasha states his health does not permit him to risk exposure to English climate at this time of the year. He regrets his inability to accept on that account.

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TELEGRAM FROM Lt. H Stonehewer.

No. Brid.

Dated U/N.

Received in Registry 16 Jan 1947
17 Jan 1947

Palestine Conference.

Following for CIVATT.

understand trying to arrange for DR. JAMALI and party to travel by air leaving Cairo on 18 Jan. Provided that this is impossible and there are no KLM or TWA services available the party is prepared to travel on Jan 22 by YORK but this will mean DR JAMALI will be late for Conference.

ADDRESSED CAIRO No 8.

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Conference Dept. DHH. 20 Jan. B.B. 17/1

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FROM BAGDAD TO ~~CAIRO~~

Sir H.Stonehewer Bird
No.8.

D: 8.16 p.m. 16th January 1947

R: 5.16 p.m. 16th January 1947

16th January 1947

Repeated to: Foreign Office Unnumbered

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IMMEDIATE

Following for Civatt.

Your telegram No. 594 P Civatt.

I understand you are trying to arrange for Dr. Jamali and party to travel by York Springbok service leaving Cairo on 18th (repeat 18th) January. Provided that this is impossible and there are no KLM or TWA services available the party is prepared to travel on 22nd January by York but this will mean that Dr. Jamali will arrive late for Conference. Please inform me of arrangements reporting immediate to Conference Department Foreign Office.

2. Party is leaving Bagdad for Cairo by Iraqi Airways on 17th January.

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FROM Egyptian Embassy

No.

Dated 16-8-2/3 VI.

Received in Registry } 17 Jan 1947
18 Jan 1947

Egyptian Delegation to Palestine Conference.

Informs delegation consists of ABDEL FATTAH AMR PASHA, ABDEL RAHMAN HAIKI BEY, ABDEL MONEIM MOSTAFA, MOHAMED MOSTAFA YASSINE.

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The Egyptian Embassy presents its compliments to the Foreign Office and has the honour to state that the Egyptian delegation to the Palestine Conference which will be held this month in London is as follows:

His Excellency Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha,
President,

His Excellency Abdel Rahman Hakki Bey,
Vice-President,

Monsieur Abdel Moneim Mostafa,
Delegate,

Monsieur Mohamed Mostafa Yassine,
Secretary.

The Foreign Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

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